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SUBJECT: ENERGY SECTOR DEVELOPMENT

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1. EMBASSY/USAID APPRECIATES REFTEL A. DELAY IN OUR RESPONSE
RELATED TO TIME NEEDED TO DISCUSS ISSUES WITH SCIENTIFIC
RESEARCH COUNCIL AND THE MINISTRY OF MINING AND NATURAL RESOURCES.

2. KEY OFFICIAL IN THIS AREA IS DR. TREVOR BYER, PRINCIPAL
GOJ ENERGY ADVISOR AND HEAD OF ENERGY DIVISION IN MINISTRY OF
MINING AND NATURAL RESOURCES. HE AND STAFF WE MET ARE
IMPRESSIVE, SOPHISTICATED, OBJECTIVE AND COMPETENT. BYER
IS EXTREMELY INTERESTED IN AN ASSESSMENT CONDUCTED BY OUTSIDE
EXPERTS, WORKING WITH HIM AND OTHERS. HE HAS PROPOSED THAT
THIS ASSESSMENT TAKE THE FORM OF AN EXTENSIVE EXAMINATION AND
APPRAISAL OF GOJ'S FIVE YEAR ENERGY PLAN WHICH HE ASSURES US
WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THIS MONTH. WE ALSO
BELIEVE THIS TYPE OF OUTSIDE REVIEW WOULD BE MOST
EFFECTIVE WAY OF ASSISTING JAMAICA IN DEVELOPING POLICY,
DECIDING AMONG ALTERNATIVES AND LAYING THE BASIS FOR
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CRITICAL DECISIONS TO BE MADE DURING NEXT SEVERAL YEARS.

3. GOJ IS ANXIOUS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TA/OST OFFER TO
HELP DEVELOP SCOPE OF WORK FOR ENERGY SECTOR ASSESSMENT
AND TO ASSEMBLE APPROPRIATE TEAM TO CONDUCT ASSESSMENT
WITH GOJ. GOJ PERCEIVES ITS PRIORITY NEED TO BE NOT FOR
NEW DATA COLLECTION BUT FOR REVIEW OF EXISTING EXTENSIVE

DATA, IDENTIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL DATE REQUIREMENTS AND ADVICE ON HOW BEST TO SATISFY THEM, AS WELL AS A CRITICAL REVIEW OF THE FIVE YEAR PLAN IN THE ENERGY SECTOR. FIRST WEEK OF JANUARY 1978 WOULD BE MOST APPROPRIATE TIME FOR CONTRACTOR TO SPEND APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK IN KINGSTON TO DEVELOP SCOPE OF WORK. GOJ ENVISIONS APPROXIMATELY SIX-WEEK ASSESSMENT EFFORT BY FIVE TO SEVEN MAN TEAM TO BEGIN ASAP AFTER SCOPE OF WORK PREPARED. HOWEVER, TIME REQUIRED, NUMBERS AND COMPOSITION OF TEAM WOULD OBVIOUSLY DEPEND UPON MORE CAREFUL ANALYSIS OF IMPLICATIONS OF SCOPE OF WORK ONCE DEVELOPED. PRELIMINARY THOUGHTS ABOUT TEAM COMPOSITION SUGGEST ENERGY ECONOMIST, TWO ENGINEERS, RESEARCH SCIENTIST, SYSTEMS ANALYST, SOCIAL SCIENTIST, FINANCIAL ANALYST.

4. WE ARE TOLD THAT THE PLAN ANALYZES THE EXTENT OF JAMAICA'S ENERGY PROBLEMS, BROADLY IDENTIFIES MAJOR ENERGY SUPPLY PRIORITIES, SUGGESTS PRIORITY SECTORS FOR ENERGY USE VIS A VIS GROWTH POTENTIAL, CITES BASIC POLICY IMPLICATIONS OF ENERGY REQUIREMENTS, CALLS FOR A NATIONAL ENERGY ACCOUNTING SYSTEM AND A SERIES OF SUBSECTOR ASSESSMENTS BEGINNING IN 1978 AND COVERS OTHER IMPORTANT DEMAND/SUPPLY FACTORS. THE PLAN IS SUBSTANTIALLY INFLUENCED, WE ARE INFORMED, BY THE EXPLICIT GOAL OF REDUCING THE UNIQUELY HIGH ENERGY INTENSITY OF JAMAICA'S ECONOMY. THIS HAS MAJOR IMPLICATIONS FOR WHAT LINES OF GROWTH TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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5. CONTRARY TO EARLIER UNDERSTANDING, REF. A SUGGESTED USAID/J FUND CONTRACTOR FOR SCOPE OF WORK. PLEASE ADVISE IF TA CAN FUND. ENERGY SECTOR ASSESSMENT LIKELY TO BE ON PRIME MINISTER'S AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 16 DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT (REF. B). REF. A CITES DOLLARS 300,000 RESERVED FOR ENERGY STUDY AND ANALYSIS IN JAMAICA. WORK ENVISIONED BY GOJ COULD BE DELIVERABLE FOR LESS. REMAINDER MIGHT BE USED TO HELP ESTABLISH NEW ENERGY DEMONSTRATION DIVISION OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH COUNCIL (REF. B).
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